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March 8, 1897.

Samuel Pitcher, M.D.

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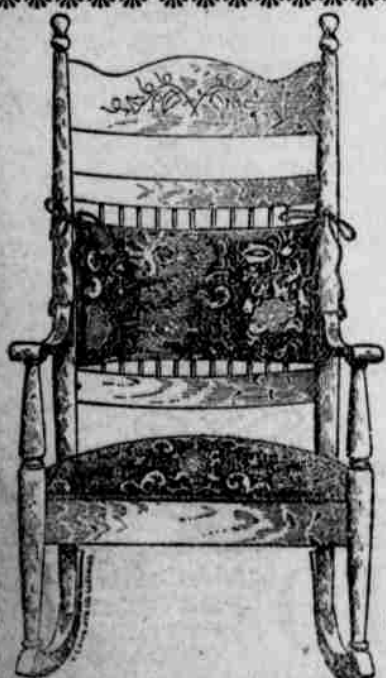
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Ladies as Street Car Conductors.

Ladies serving on the street cars as conductors will be the attraction next Wednesday, Aug. 18. Prest. Ralph has granted that privilege to the Owosso Ladies Library Association for that day. Ladies equipped in the convenient bicycle suit, will collect the fare the entire line, and the desire to witness their expertness will doubtless bring a profusion of nickels to the library. There will be a basket picnic and other attractions at Caledonia Park in which the Owosso and Corunna public is invited to participate.

Owosso Telephone Exchange.

An additional switch board has become a necessity at the Michigan Telephone Co.'s Owosso exchange. The board has been ordered and if not here this week will be by the first of next.

Justice McCaughna is determined to have his court fitted up with every possible convenience and telephone No. 98 is now answered by him at his office. Watson & Chapman answer calls for No. 89 at their law office. No. 83 gives Byrne's grocery a chance to fill orders. No. 101 is answered by Exchange hotel people, while Nos. 102 and 103 furnish means of communication with C. E. Burn's elevator and the Muskegon Brewing Co. respectively. All these are new subscribers and make the number of phones now in service in the Owosso exchange 116.

Besides the above, contracts have been signed with the following persons and firms who will have their phones in place within a few weeks: Dr. A. M. Hume, residence; Frank Mosely, residence; A. E. Stever, residence; A. Stegall, machine shop; Electric Laundry; Herbert Dual, greenhouse; H. W. Mann & Co. These will swell the number of subscribers to 123 and there are still others who will take advantage of the lower rates and put in phones later.

Louis Billedeau, of Detroit, well known over the state among telephone men, has been assisting Manager Stacey this week putting in phones and running lines for new subscribers.

Death of Bruce Bartlett.

Saturday morning brought the sad news of the death, the preceding evening, of the Bruce D. Bartlett at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Myra Buckminster, north Washington street.

Bruce had been in poor health for over a year, having taken a trip to Colorado last summer for the benefit of his health. Last spring, however, he felt much stronger and even undertook to resume his former work in the postoffice in May. This proved too much however and he has since been confined closely to the house of his aunt, which he has made his home for the past six years. About three weeks ago he began to grow much worse, losing consciousness and continually losing strength until the end. He was twenty-three years of age.

The funeral services were held at the house Sunday afternoon, Rev. C. V. Northrop officiating. The interment took place at Oakhill cemetery. The bearers were taken from postoffice associates of the departed, the five mail carriers and mailing clerk.

The loss is an extremely sad one both on account of the youth and the character of the deceased. Though never very strong, he was ambitious and had planned to attend the university when sickness prevented him. He bore that disappointment with patience however and worked industriously and cheerfully as long as he could. He was a favorite with all and leaves many friends who will miss his pleasant greeting and his unassuming ways. He is one whose influence has been on the right side.

Teachers' Institute.

Today closes the teachers' institute which has been in session all the present week in Corunna. The institute has been very successful in every respect, and in point of numbers, has made an excellent showing, increasing from eighty-five the first forenoon to nearly one hundred and fifty.

Five days is a rather short time in which to cover the whole curriculum of the country schools and impart a working knowledge of many higher branches, especially in the purely professional parts of the work, but the program arranged and carried out did all that would be expected in the time at hand and was a credit to the conductor.

The corps of instructors was a good one and each instructor proved himself a competent man. The instructors were: C. L. Bemis, of Ionia; G. A. McKee, of Hudson, and W. F. McKone, of Mason, the conductor. Mr. McKone is very well known in the county as an able and energetic man, and it was enough to assure the success of the institute to have him placed in charge of it. O. L. Bristol, Shiawassee's popular commissioner, was also present and much of the success of the meeting was due to his careful attention to the details of the institute.

The institute not only aims to give a review of the subjects taught and to show the best methods of teaching those subjects, but the instructors attempt to inspire the teachers to make use of all widening influences in literature, knowledge of current events, etc., which come in their path and so constantly improve their own minds. The work done was good and will leave a lasting impression. In fact a teachers' institute under such up to date instructions always proves of sufficient interest and encouragement to well repay the attendance of many who are not teachers at all, while of course no teacher could afford to miss one.

Comedy Entertainment.

Columbian Comedy Co., under canvas, corner Washington and Comstock streets, all next week. Latest plays, popular prices 10c, 20c. Band and orchestra and the celebrated Columbian quartette. Full of new and up to date specialties.

Circus Show Window.

D. M. Christian showed a very elaborately wrought design in his east show window on Wednesday. "The greatest show on earth" was there shown in miniature. The street parade, the performers on trapezes, and one life-size bare back rider—everything was there. The display attracted crowds all day and has not yet ceased to be a drawing card.

Y. M. C. A.

An informal concert was given in the Y. M. C. A. hall last Saturday evening by Messrs. Phipps and Plummer, musical specialists. The concert included a great variety of musical events with fine mandolin and guitar playing, solos, palm whistling and trick violin playing furnished amusement as well as music for the members and their friends.

Rev. Carey V. Northrop, of Wooster, O., addressed the men's meeting Sunday. The meeting was largely attended and was a good one. The subject was, "A Right Start in Life," and the address was full of practical suggestions dealing with this important subject in a very common sense sort of a way. By the way, these meetings have been exceptionally good this summer and the attendance is as it deserves to be, constantly increasing.

Rev. O. E. Smith, of Cleveland, O., will address the men's meeting next Sunday and all men are invited. The meeting will doubtless be an interesting and profitable one.

The Business of the Courts.

Wm. J. O'Connor was sentenced to twenty days in jail by Justice Baldwin, Monday for being drunk.

James Robinson was fined \$5.00 and \$4.20 costs by Justice McCaughna, Saturday evening, for assaulting Wm. Cady.

Two warrants have been issued for De Witt Quick, of Hazelton, one for forgery and the other for uttering forged paper. It is said that Quick has been forging and disposing of sparrow orders.

Detrich Nickel was arrested Tuesday by Under-Sheriff Crane on a charge of assault and battery preferred by L. H. Norton and brought before Justice Baldwin, who adjourned the case to August 23.

On motion of Prosecuting Attorney Chandler, Wm. Saige was discharged by Justice Baldwin, Monday, the charge against him, that he stole a heifer from Mrs. Minnie Buck, of Owosso township, being dismissed.

Circuit Court Commissioner Pierpont issued a writ of restitution Monday morning in favor of Almon J. Monroe and against Mrs. Carrie Melvin and Mrs. Joseph Howard, the property being a house and lot in the Chipman addition, occupied by the Melvins and Howards.

The "crazy drunks" in Justice McCaughna's court were: Fred Gates, of Fairfield, who paid a total of \$6.20; Herbert Streeter, of Chapin, \$6.20; John Luckhurst, arrested on charge of obstructing an officer, \$6.20; R. J. Berry, of Corunna, drunk, was let off on suspended sentence as he had no money to pay a fine and his wife is dangerously sick, and would be made worse by his imprisonment.

Yesterday morning four sobered and sorrowing individuals paid in Justice Baldwin's court for the thrashing of the wild oats which they sowed Wednesday. They were: James Ely sent to jail for twenty days in default of fine and costs of \$5.20 for drunkenness; Lee Rohrabacker, drunk, fine and costs \$9.20; Herman Meisner hindering and interfering with city officer, fine and costs \$5.20; William Flux, assault and battery, charge preferred by Ralph Eveleth, fine and costs \$5.20.

Joseph Howard and Charles Melvin were arrested Sunday evening by Marshal Barrisford and officers Hammond and Cady, Melvin on a charge of assault and battery and Howard on a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder. Both were taken before Justice McCaughna, Monday. Melvin plead not guilty, but was convicted in the afternoon and sentenced to the house of correction for ninety days in default of a fine of \$50 and expenses. Howard was sent to the county jail in default of \$1,000 bail, to await his examination which takes place today. The assault was committed Sunday morning and arose from some trouble about the house owned by Almon J. Monroe and occupied by the two defendants. Monroe was quite badly cut about the head and face by the stones and bricks thrown by his two assailants. Howard is reported to bear a bad reputation and to have boasted that he would do up Monroe. He was quite surprised to be arrested Sunday, supposing that a warrant could not be served Sunday, and affirmed, what is probably true, that he would have left the city had he known that it could be.

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Wednesday's Crowd.

With the exception of a few short showers, Wednesday was as good a day as any one could wish for a circus day. The crowd was fully as large as any one could have hoped to see here and on the whole it was quite well behaved.

Park, East Main, Comstock and Ball street were almost completely choked with vehicles of every description, while every available foot of stable space was filled with the horses. The front streets were packed with people.

The parade itself was all that could be expected and enough apparently to make the people think that if they could get so much for nothing it would certainly pay to see the whole show.

There were enough flim-flam games so that any would-be sucker who felt absolutely obliged to could easily part with his hard earned coin, and this is one of the incidents which marred the day, as it really does seem as though such helpless infants should be cared for and prevented from turning their pockets inside out for the benefit of traveling fakirs.

But the crowd had money to spend legitimately also and the merchants did a big business as did also the various eating houses. In fact, though the circus carried away some thousands of dollars it was not all wasted money, as a good many hundreds of dollars were left in the city in exchange for honest goods at Owosso's lowest prices.

NEARLY A SUICIDE.

Geo. A. Lyon, of Oak street, Makes a Botch of the Job.

George A. Lyon made an attempt to commit suicide early Thursday morning by cutting his throat with a razor, but while he will have a scar which will be unpleasant to shave over and has lost enough blood to give him a chance to stock up with a better grade article, he made a poor job of it and will doubtless recover.

Lyon has been working recently at carpenter work in the country, but drove in Wednesday to attend the circus. This of itself was nothing to make a man wish to kill himself, but by midnight he had evidently seen something besides the circus, and when he later went to his house, at 313 south Oak street, he felt more ugly and untamed than any of the animals at the show. His wife, afraid of what he might do to himself, had hidden his things so that he could not start back at once with his horse and tools. This and other things put him in a fury and he attacked his wife so furiously that she started to run to a neighbor for assistance. Lyon followed her part way and she heard him call out that he had "done it." She did not know what, but when the neighbors appeared it was found he had cut his throat.

Officer Barrisford was called and Dr. Phippen was sent for. Dr. Phippen was going to sew up the wound, but the man who was fool enough to cut his own throat was too cowardly to allow the doctor to sew up the wound without taking chloroform. Accordingly Dr. McCormick was summoned and he put the fellow to sleep, while thirteen stitches were taken in his neck. The wound missed the main arteries but made a slight gash in the windpipe.

The man had two razors on his person and evidently had been determined to do a better job. It is said that he had threatened to cut his throat some time before when in an ugly mood. Possibly now that he knows what it is like he will be less anxious to do so in the future.

Mrs. Lyon, who has two daughters under ten years of age, has been married to him some over a year and is beginning to think she has lived with him long enough, but will care for him until he is able to get out again.

Vernon.

Henry Clark is entertaining his cousin and wife from Windsor—Miss Georgia Tilden returned Saturday evening from Ithaca where she has been visiting—W. P. Garrison, of Wyandotte, visited here the past week—Mrs. Holtzman and daughter, Miss Vida, have returned from Ohio—Eugene Crane and wife who are spending the summer here, have gone to Frankfort for a week—Mrs. Hill and son and two daughters, of Mason, visited at George Goff's this week—W. D. and A. Garrison have dissolved partnership. W. D. Garrison has purchased his brother's interest in both the store and real estate, excepting his residence—Mrs. Frank Westcott and daughter, Miss Nellie, are visiting in Ohio—Simon Knoll was in town Wednesday—Miss Abbie Howard returned from a visit at Ypsilanti on Monday—Mrs. P. Swain is entertaining a niece—Rev. Dewey Cronkrite was in town Wednesday—Prof. Sheehan now has a little son—Mrs. A. G. Holmes has returned from Grand Lodge—Mrs. Charles Garrison is visiting at W. D. Garrison's—Miss Mildred Holmes visited Mrs. D. Martin at Durand the first of the week—Miss Mary Shaw rides a new wheel—Mr. Sheehan preached the sermon at the funeral of Mrs. Wm. Stewart, of Caledonia, on Sunday afternoon—The Revs. Davidson, Emerick and Stephens were all out of town on Sunday—A. Shaw, W. Bingham and J. Driscoll are on a western trip to buy sheep—Mrs. Frank Goss is clerking at Garrison's store—M. D. Rhodes is quite sick.

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Shaftsbury.

Mrs. G. W. Chrouch is entertaining her granddaughter, Mabel Chrouch, of Morris, for a few days—The M. E. S. S. picniced at Pine Lake last Wednesday, together with the Morris, Bancroft and Perry schools. A goodly number were present and a very pleasant time enjoyed—Mrs. J. F. Emerick and two daughters were the guests of Mrs. John Hancock the fore part of this week—The Baptist L. A. S. will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. Polhemus—Lewis Van Dewalker has secured a position on the railroad at Lansing, where he will soon move his family. We regret their removal as they will be sadly missed in our social circles—T. L. Baldwin's new house is nearly completed, and is one of the most modern houses in town—The grist mill is expected to be in running order this week. Durrah & Garlie have given the mill a thorough overhauling and will start in first-class shape.

Caledonia and New Haven.

Marvin Monroe and Floyd Ostrander went to Island Lake last Tuesday. Being members of Company G, they expect a fine outing and a taste of soldier life—Alta De-tremm, Clara Wildermuth and Lena Shoultz are attending the Institute at Corunna—Mrs. Foster and Ada Markham gave very interesting readings at the Epworth League meeting at the Kelly church Sunday. The League has a small but well selected library of books, which makes it interesting for its members—The Kelly, Kerby and Riverside Sunday schools joined in a picnic, last Friday, beyond Corunna. Rev. W. G. Nixon, the pastor, with his family, went with them and all report a good time—In a suit brought on by Mr. Cortes against Godfrey Wildermuth, the latter won. Mr. Cortes seems to be very unfortunate in his dealings this summer—Mr. and Mrs. G. Wildermuth are enjoying their new carriage—Mrs. Muffet is on the sick list.

Burton.

It is decided Burton will have a cheese factory in the near future—Mr. and Mrs. C. Farr, of Fargo, are visiting her sister, Mrs. J. C. Scott; also Mrs. Bigelow, of Judo—Mrs. J. N. McBride and Edna Wilkin were the guests of Mrs. E. T. Wilson at Owosso Saturday—The Misses Beniah and Kate Potter are spending the week with relatives in Corunna—Miss Sarah Owen, of Owosso, called on friends in this place Tuesday—Mrs. E. Russell, of Owosso, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cadz the past week—Miss Lillie Rogers was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Wilson, of Owosso, for two days the first of the week—Mr. and Mrs. E. Merrill, A. Vincent and lady, C. Stiff and lady, returned from Long lake where they have been camping the past week—Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Vincent spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cadz—Mrs. J. O. Riley, of St. Johns, was the guest of Mrs. D. S. Cramer Saturday—Mrs. Wm. Potter and little son Douglas were the guests of Mrs. E. Dunham, of Corunna, part of the week—Postmaster and Mrs. J. Potter entertained the Misses Grace and Allie Wright, of Pontiac, Mrs. E. Russell, of Owosso, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cadz, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Potter, at tea Saturday.

Tuesday, August 17th, the Ann Arbor R. R. will run a special train to accommodate those desiring to attend Barnum & Bailey's Exhibition at Ann Arbor, and Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show at Toledo. Special train leaves Owosso at 7:00 a. m. Fare for round trip to Ann Arbor \$1.00 and to Toledo \$1.25.

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